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The next day, the Generall would not goe a land, but sent Captaine *Stiles*, Captaine *Keeling*, and Captaine *Middleton*, with expresse order to keepe their people from straggling, and when all their companie were landed, Captaine *Stiles* called them all together; giueing them warning to keepe companie together, and not range one from the other, which speech was reitterated againe by Maister *Durham* saying, that whosoeuer was found straggling, should be seuerely punished, and therefore willed them all to take good heed. And so after this warning giuen, they marched vp into the countrie to kill some Goates, where they met with two *Portugals*, which did assist them in all the might: in the meane while they were at their sport a land, The

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Generall with thorest, were busie in stowing the Hee-tors long boot, for that he was minded, to goe to Sea so soone as they had done, but they could not stowe her; without cutting of her stem: & part of her bowes, which seeing no other way, was presentlie efected. And so drawing toward night, our land men repaired aboorde, with some few Goates they had killed. And after supper the wind comming of the land, the Generall gaue order to the Maister to wey, and that a warning peece might be shot of. And so presently the Cable was brought to capstaine and our shippe was presently loose, but before we had vp our anker, Captaine *Stiles* sent word one of their Marchants was missing so that wee came presently to Anker againe, and did ride tell day. Hee that lost himselfe, was the partie which was so carefull to giue other men warning, which tooke none himselfe. Day no sooner appearing, but the Generall sent Captaine *Stiles* with at least 150. men to seeke for him. And if it were possible to speake with some of the *Portugals*: but all that day was spent in vaine, and no news of him; so the Generall would spend no longer time there, but left him to learne the language: so the 16. of *May* wee passed the line where many of our men fell sicke of the Scurvy, Calenture, Bloudy flix, and the Wormes, being left to the mercie of God, and a smale quantitie of Lyman iuyce euery morning: our phisition shipt for that purpose being as vnwilling as ignorant in any thing that might helpe them. A great ouersight in the company, and no doubt wilbe better lookt to hereafter.

And to our proceeding voyage the 13. day of *July* being Friday we had sight of Cape, Bona, *Esperanza*, the

wind at South-west, a gentell gale the Generall commaunded the tackes a boord intending to go about the cape. But our sick men cryed out most lamentably, for at that present there were sicke of the scruuy at the least 80. men in our ship, not one aole to helpe the other, who made a petition to the Generall most humbly entreating him for Gods sake to saue there liues, and to put in for *Saldania* other wayes they were but dead men. The Generall perusing there pitifull complaint, and looking out of his cabin dore, where did attend a swarme of lame and weake diseased criples, who beholding this lamentable sight, extended his compasion towards them. And graunted their requests: that night the wind came vp at the South and continued tell the 17. day before we could get into the rode. The next morning being Wednesday the Generall went on land, with prouision to set vp tents, & a little way from our landing place, the *Negroes* had their houses: which were no other then a few croked sticks set in the grownd, and mattes cast ouer them, and they had great store of Cattell, both beeves and sheepe grasing faire by them. Our Generall and the captains went to batter with them for small peeces of Iron, and bought some 12. sheep, and more would haue sold vs, till that they saw vs begin to set vp our tents, which as it seemed, was to their disliking; for that incontinent they pulled downe their houses, and made them fast vpon their Beasts backes, and did driue away; yet all meanes possible was sought to drawe them to sell vs more: but in no case they would abide any lõger with vs, but droue away with all the speed they might. It lay in the generals power to haue taken them all from them.

them, as some counselled him to doe, but he in no case would giue eare therevnto; but let them depart, not doubting but that they would returne againe, seeing we offered them no wrong, when it was in our powers to dispossesse them of all their cattell. The 19. day we got our sicke men on land, and the 20. our boats were sent to the Island, where wee found such infinite number of seales, that it was admirable to behold, all the sea-shore lyes ouer-spread with them, some sleeping, some trauelling into the Island, and some to the sea-ward: Besides all the Rockes which lie a prettie distance off so full as they can hold, thousands at a time going, and as many comming out: there bee many of them as bigge as any Beare, and as terrible to behold. And vp towards the middle of the Island, there be infinite numbers of fowles called *Pengwines*, *Pellicans*, and *Cormerants*, The *Pengwines* bee as bigge as our greatest Capons wee haue in England, they haue no winges nor cannot flye, but you may driue them by thousands in a flocke whether you will, they bee exceeding fatte, but their flesh is verie ranke, for that they liue vppon fish, there bee so many of them vpon this small Island, which is not aboue 5. miles about, to lade a shippe of 50 tonnes with all. Vpon Sunday the 23 the first man that died out of our ship. Vpon munday morning the Generall went into the Countrey to buy fresh victuals, but the people of the countrey seeing so many in company fled. But the General caused all the company to make a stand, and then sent 4. to them with a bottell of wine, and victuals, with a Taber, and a Pipe, they seeing no more in company came to them, and did eate, drinke, and daunce with

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them so they seeing with what kindes they were vsed, tooke hart vnto them and came along with our Generall to our tents, where they had many toyes bestowed vpon them. As pins, points, beads, and branches, & so they returned all very well pleased making signes to returne the next day with Cattell, but foule wether preuented them for 3 dayes. The forth day after being the 26. they brought vs 44. sheepe, and the next day 23. sheep and two kine, and the next day 15. sheepe and one bullocke, and the 30 day we bought 120. sheepe and 6. Beeves, the next day 9. sheepe and three beeves, and the 2. of August 3. sheepe. The 3. of August: the Generall went in his pinnes and other boats with him to kill whales, for all the bay is full of them, they stroke diuers with harping Irons, and especially they in the Susans pinnes stroake their harping Iron into one of them very sure, and veered their boate a good scope from her, shee feeling her selfe wounded, towed the boat for the space of halfe an hower, vp and downe the bay, with such swiftnesse that the men were faine to go all of them and sit in the starne, and let the whale towe them, which was with such swiftnes that she seemed to flie, but in the end they were Inforced to cut their rope, to keepe their boat from sincking, they were caried so swiftly throw the Sea. The next that stroak one, was in the Generals pinnes, and there were two of them together, and their fortune was to strike a young one, which plaied like reakes, as the first did, and continued for a good time and then they hal'd vp the boat somewhat neere, and wounded her in diuers places with iauellins, the great whale all this time would not depart from the

little one although it had receiued many wounds, but stood to the last to fight it out against al our boats, sometimes giuing one boat a blow, and sometimes another, and would come vnder our boats, and lift them almost out of the water, she bestowed one bange on the Generals Pinnesse, that split all the timbers and boards, so that he was faine to take another boat to saue himselfe: for she was presently full of water, yet with much a doe they saued the Pinnesse, & brought her on land, where it cost all our carpenters three dayes worke to repaire her. And when the young Whale began to be wearie, the old one would take the young vpon his backe and carrie him, but the old one seeing that would not preuaile against vs, would leaue his carriage, and betake himselfe to his fight, which was to cast his tayle out of the water, and to strike so valiantly, that if hee had taken any of our boats with one of these blowes, he would haue split it all to peeces. It was verie good sport to stand and looke on, but verie dangerous to them in the boats: To conclude of this matter, the young Whale could not be killed till the sunne set, the old one neuer forsaking her whilst it had any life. So after it was dead, wee towed it to our landing place, and at hye water hal'd it so hye as we could. The occasion why we killed this Whale, was for lacke of oyle for our lampes, for in all the shipps we had great lacke, the oyle was put in verie bad caske, and leaked out. But whereas wee hoped to haue had oyle inough out of this Whale to haue serued all our turnes, it did scarce yeeld foure gallons it was so young and leane.

The 8 day, the Generall sent a dozen of our men to buy fresh victuals, for that wee had not any left.

So they were out all day, and brought home but two sheepe at their returne, which was late, the Generall demaunded of the Purser of the Hector, which was cheefe purueyer, what was the occasion they stayed out so long, and that they brought no more cattell. He answered, that the people had sould them good store of cattell, which hee had payd for, but being so fewe of our men in companie, and they weaponlesse, they would abuse them in snatching their yron from them, and not to suffer them to driue the cattell away they payd for. The Generall seeing how they vsed him, thought by policie to goe beyond them; and this it was: Hee himselfe with 120 men in his compānie; would goe by night and lye in ambush in a wood nere the place where our men did barter with them, and when it was faire day, the purueyor and his crewe, should come as other times, and bargaine with them for so many as they would sell; And when they had sufficient to make a signe, and then the Generall and his companye should come out of their lodgings, and driue them away. This matter was put in practise this night, and the Generall three houres before day departed from the tents, and had imbosked himselfe and all his followers to their owne contents, only three fellowes of captaine *Stiles* his companie, to tast of a bottell of wine they caried for their captaine, and in the meane while they were drinking, they had lost sight of their *Generall* and all his company and took a contrary way, neuer staying til they came to the houses of the *Negroes*: they seeing three men armed to come to their houses, began to suspect some false measures; these fellowes seeing they had mistaken themselues, retired

retired backe to the woods, and in sight of the *Indians* hid themselues in the bushes, at that time the Sunne being vp halfe an houre after these fellowes had hid themselues, came our weaponlesse Merchants from the tents and beganne to barter with them, for two or three sheepe, which of purpose they had sent downe to our people, to keepe them busie while they were getting their heards of Cattell to runne away. Which our merchants perceiuing, they presently vnarmed as they were, went amongst them, and sent worde by one of them to the Generall, to come away with all his people; for that he and all his companie were discouered, so that the Generall was enforced to breake out of his ambushmēt to rescew his men, which were amongst them without weapons: but before he could come to their rescew, they had wounded one of our men, with foure dartes sticking in his body; which being downe done, they betooke them to their heeles and al the cattel before them, as fast as they could driue to the mountaines. Our men, as then, hauing the raines in their owne handes, pursued after them in such scattering maner, that if the people of the countrey had been men of any resolution, they might haue cut off most of them. The Generall caused a trumpet to sound a retreat, but could not cause them to leaue their chase. And whilest that he was taking order to send the hurt man to the tents, he was halfe a mile from the neerest of our men, and not past fiue men in his company: so hee and those men in his company were faine to runne to ouertake some of them which were before, that in the end they were a dozen in his

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spied the cuntrey people lurking about our tents, so that alarome was giuen, and they fled: vpon the 14. of Auguſt we departed all a board our ſhips, where we ridde tell the 19. the wind not ſeruing to carry vs out, which then ſerued our turnes, we put to Sea and ſtood to the Weſtwards, and the 25. day we dubled the cape of *Good hope*; with very fauourable windes tell the firſt of *September*; and after that time we met with the wind ſcarſe, and now and then calmes, and here began the ſcuruy to grow amongſt our men, and euery day did the diſeaſe encreaſe. Here might ſome what be ſaid of the ignorance and vncharitablenes of him that was ſhipt for our phiſition, as a caueat to them that ſhall go hereafter to be better prouided: but for 2. reſpects I forbear, the one in regard of his other calling but chiefly for that he is ſince dead in the voyage; where for my part I wiſh his faults may be buried with him.

The 19. of *December*, we had ſight of *Ingana* an Iland lying neere *Sumatra*, the 20. we had ſight of *Sumatra*, the 21. we ankerd within the Ilands where we were put to great trouble to haue vp our yardes, and get vp our ankors, our men were exceeding weak, we were faine to ſend men out of our ſhip to helpe the reſt, and ſo with much a doe we came to *Bantam* rode. The occaſion why we firſt ankered was becauſe the Aſſention ſhot off a peece of ordenance within night, which was contrarie to our articles, we doubting ſhe was in ſome great diſtreſſe came ſuddenly to an anker to tarie to know what was the matter, which prooued to bee nothing but that there Gunner was dead and throwne ouer board, and had that peece for a farewell: which folly of theirs, put vs to great trouble, cauſing vs to an-

ker in the Sea, in 25. fadomes: then windes all weſterlye, which brought in a great ſeagate, that the next day morning, we had much a doe to get vp our anker, and as for the other ſhips they were not able to wey without our helpes, which we ſent them, and ſo with very much trouble, we got vs all vnder ſayle, ſteering away *Eaſt* and by *North*, and *Eaſt North Eaſt*, tell wee came to anker betweene the Iland and the maine at the entrance of *Bantam* bay, in 7. fadomes ſandy ground. This night at 7. a clock came a Hollands boat a board vs from *Bantam*, ſent by a Generall of 12. ſhips, which came there two dayes before vs; in which boat came the viſe admeral of the fleet, with refreſhing frō ſhore preſenting it to our Generall, with offer of any kindnes they could doe vs, which afterwards they effected towards vs, in ſending their boats to fetch vs water: many other curtiſyes beſides, we of our ſelues not able to doe the ſame, our weaknes being ſo great. This fleet had paſſed, along the coſt, from Moſimbique to Selon, and had taken diuers ſhips, and burned a carrick, and afterwards came hither withall their men in good health. An howre after their comming a board of the hollanders came a prawe or a canow from *Bantam*, with maſter Scot & others of our men left their the laſt voyage by whome the Generall knew the eſtate of their buſines, the 23. at 2. a clock we came to anker in *Bantam* rode, and ſaluted the towne and Hollanders with moſt of our ordinance, and were anſwered again with the like from all the Hollanders, the 24. day our viſe-admerall was ſent vnto the king, to excuſe the Generals not comming a land, for that he was not well. This day being the 24. came in 2 ſaile of hollands fleet

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a shippe and a pinnes the same day one of the theeus that had set our house on fire was stopped to death. According to the order of the countrey. The 26 day the General gaue new articles to all the ships, wherein euery man was absolutely forbidden to buy any spice, and diuers other articles for the good demenor of his men which here I omit to write: The 27. 28. & the 29 nothing happened worth writing. The 30. day the Generall of the Hollanders and most part of the principall of his fleet dinied a board with our Generall. The 31. our Generall went on land, with a letter from our Kings Maiestie, and a present to the King of *Santam*: which he deliuered him, and were very acceptably receiued. The King but 13. yeares of age and gouerned by a protector, the 3. day we had order to rūmage our hould to take prouition of water and marchants goods, for that we were appoynted, & the *Assenssion* to go for the molucas, & the other ships to take in their lading of peper, and to go home; likewise this day we tooke in diuers fardells of Marchandize, and so continued taking in water and Marchandize tell the 8. day, and then our Generall came a board, and appoynted such men as should go a long with him to the molucas amongst which number, master *Tauerner* was remooued, from the *Susan* to the *Assenssion*, we continued busie in taking in of Marchandize, and vittelles of the *Hector* and the *Susan* tell the 15. day we made an end, of taking in of marchandize. This day our purser *William Griffen*, and master *Foster* dyed both of the flixe.

The sixteenth day our Generall, departed from *Banam*: and came a bord to proceed on his voyage to the

Molucas,

Mollocos, this night dyed *Henry Dewbrey* of the Flixe: alſo the ſame day, maiſter *Surflet* was appointed to goe home in the *Hector*, to the great contenting of all in our ſhip: likewiſe one of our maiſters mattes, maiſter *Smith*, was appointed for Maiſters Mate in the *Hector*. The 17. day dyed of the Flixe, *William Lewed*, *Iohn Ienkens*, and *Samuel Porter* the 18 day the Generall hauing diſpatched his letters, went aboard the *Hector* and the *Suſan*, and tooke leaue of them: and after diner wayed, and ſtood to the ſea-ward till night, and then ankred in 8. fadomes of water: the 19. in the morning we weyed againe, and proceeded with a faire wind till 6. a clocke at night, & then came to anker in 14. fadome oſye grounde faire by a ſmall Iland, the 20. by breake of day we weyed & ſteering along the land with a faire winde: this day dyed *Henry Stiles* our M. Carpenter, and *Iames Varnam*, and *Iohn Iberſon*, all of the Flix. The 21 and 22 dayes we held on our courſe, with bluſting rainie weather; the 22. day dyed of the Flixe *Iames Hope*: the 24. day in the morning wee fell with the ſhouldes which lye off the Eaſt, North eaſt part of *Iaua*: this day dyed *Iohn Leay*, and *Robert Whitthers* of the Flixe. *Ianuarie* the 25. wee held on our courſe, with very much winde and raine, at night one of our men leaped ouer-board, hauing the *Callenture*. and three more dyed of the Flixe, their names were *William Bellidine*, *William Pooter*, *Gedyon Marten*, and *Robert Vernes*: the 26. day ſtering our courſe with a faire wind ſuſpecting no danger, vpon a ſodaine wee ſaw the ground vnder the ſhip, heauing ouer the lead, wee had but 4 fadoms water: this night dyed of the Flixe *George Iohnes*, and *Frances Buck-man*, and *Gilbert*

Meſton.

Meſterſon: the 27. day in the morning wee ſtered away Eaſt and by South, wee came into ſhould water which lyeth to the ſouth-ward of *Ruinata*: ſo that we were faine to ſtand South and by Weſt and South to get cleare of the ſhouldes till noone, and then wee came into deepe water, and ſo bearing vp we ſtered Eſt and by ſouth, and by & by we were in fiue fadomes ſo that we ſtood to the ſouth-ward ſome three leages, and then held on our former courſe: this day dyed of the Flixe, *Robert Smith*, and *Thomas Dawſon*: the 28. day we fell with *Selebis*, being high land, and at 4. a clocke in the euening we came to an anchor in 26. fadomes ſandy ground, foure leages from land: the 29. in the morning we weyed, ſteering Eſt along the land, and the Generall went in our pinneſſe alongſt the land to ſeek for freſh water, for that he greatly doubted it was the *Bantam* water that killed our men, but hee loſt his labour, and returned without any, for there was none to be found; at night we ankered in 30. fadomes water, this morning dyed *William Paret* of the flixe: the 30. day we paſſed the ſtraites of *Selibis* and ſhaped our courſe for the Iles of *Beton*: the 31. in the morning we were faire by the land of *Betton*, and all the night lay by the Lee. The firſt of *Februarie* we held on our courſe with a faire winde, the ſecond dyed of the flixe *Henry Lambert*: the third day dyed of the flixe *Edward Smith*,: the 4. in the morning we had ſight of *Blewe*, and *Barrow*, being two Ilands: this day dyed *Henry Iames*, the fifth day *Richard Miller* dyed of the Flixe: the ſixt day we were faire by the land *Blewe*, and our Generall went in the pinneſſe to ſeeke for freſh water, and went with the people of the Countrey, and they

brought him to a fine sandy Bay, where there was very good water, and there they tooke in three Baricoes and brought aboard, and would spend no longer time there because it was towardes night, and *Amboyna* so neere at hand: the seuenth day wee had sight of *Amboyna*, and of a ship which played off and on the land, but would not come and speake with vs: this after-noone we were faire by *Amboyna*, and the winde very variable but it fell calme, so that wee could not get in: the eight day at ten a clocke came vp a gale of winde, which brought vs to *Amboyna* shoare, where we costed with our ship very nere, but could not haue any groūd to anker in, for that all the Ilands haue very deepe water hard aboard the shoare: wee came to a Bay, where we found sixtie fadomes water, and there we ankered, and the *Indians* brought vs some fruits to sell: this after-noone we sawe two *Hollanders* pinnisses vnder the shoare of *Verranula*, which came out from vnder the land to showe themselues to vs, but did returne backe.

The people of *Verranula* be great enemies to the *Portugals*, and had sent to *Bantam* to the *Hollanders*, desiring their ayde to expell the *Portugals* out of these Ilands; which if they performed, they would become subiect to them, and sell none of their Cloues, to any other Nation but them. This I knew to bee true, for that the parties who were sent to *Bantam*, I haue often spoken withall: this day dyed of the Flixe our Master his mate *Thomas Michell*. The ninth day wee watered, but could not come to the speech of any of the countrey people: this after-noone dyed *Thomas Eldred* of the Flixe.

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The tenth day wee weyed anker, and stood to the Easter ende of *Amboyna*, and came to an anker in an hundred fadomes water, fayre by the shoare, fayre by a towne called *Mamalla*. Before we came to an anker, there came an *Indian* aboard of vs which spake good Portugese, also there came a letter to our Generall from the Captaine of *Amboyna*, but it was directed to the Generall of the *Hollenders*, or any other Captaine of his fleete, supposing vs to be *Hollenders*. The effect of his Letter was, to desire them to certifie them of some newes of *Portingale*, and to send an answere by any of his people of his letter, who should bee verie welcome, and should both safely come and goe. The Generall went this day a land, and deliuered a present to one they called their King and other great men, and did desire to know whether wee might haue trade or no: they made answere, that they could not trade with vs without licence of the Fort: this night dyed of the flixe *Marke Taylor*. The 11 day our Generall sent a letter by *Iohn Rogers* to the captaine of the Fort, and diuers of the principall of the towne of *Mamalla* accompanied him thether to haue licence to trade with vs, which they had granted them by the captaine: the effect of our Generals letter, was to certifie him of the death of our *Queen*, & peace between *England* and *Spaine*, with other news of Christendome, & for better confirmatiō of truth, he sent the captain of the fort, our kings Maiesty & the princes pictures, with diuers of his Maiesties new coine, & in conclusiō as there was peace with our Princes and their subiects in Christendome: he desired that the like might be between vs, for that our cōming

was to seeke trade with them and the *Amboynians*, which he hoped he would not deny him. The party which caried our *Generals* letter, was very kindly entertained by the Captaine and Souldiers, but that night permitted not him to come within the fort: but lay in a good lodging without the walles, where he was visited by the principall of them. This euening 5. sayles of *Hollanders* were entered into the mouth of the harbor and turnning vp for the fort. The 12. the forenamed *Hollanders* came to an anker within musket shot of the fort, the *Portugals* not offering to shoote at them, this afternoone *Iohn Rogers* returned with an answere of the letter and their came in his company a *Portugall* Souldier, which brought a warrant from the Captaine to the Gouernor of *Manillia*, to trade with vs, and like wise to giue *Iohn Rogers* for his pains a *Bahar* of cloues, which was presently deliuered him, before the comming away of *Iohn Rogers* the *Portugals* with a flagge of truce went a board the dutch Admerall to knowe wherefore they came thither; if in friendshippe they should be welcome: if otherwaies to giue them a direct answere, the dutch Generall made answere that his comming thither was to haue that Castell from them, and willed them, to deliuer him the keyes and they should be kindly dealt withall. Which if they refused to do, he willed them to prouide for themselues to defend it, for that he was minded to haue it before he departed, and that his staying was but for the rest of his fleet, which as then were in sight. Therefore willed them by faire meanes to yeald, the *Portugals* made answere the Castell was their Kings, and of sufficient strength, and therefore willed them to depart thence.

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And as he came as a messenger in way of truce they desired they might haue free libertie to depart, which was granted thē with an answer in writing to the Captaine, willing him to surrender vp this fort vnto him in the prince of *Orringe* his name, by 2. a clock that day, or lookefor the extremity of warre, what after passed betwixt thē I know not. The answer of our Generals letter from the Captaine of the fort was, that he and all the *Portugals* in the place were exceeding glad of the good news we brought them of that long and wished for peace, betweene our nations and that there was not any thing in their power; In that Iland wherein they might pleasure vs, but we should commaund it. And as touching the cloues of *Manillia*, he had sent speciall order to the Gouernor, to make sale of all they might make, at a resonable price, and likewise he had good store of cloues in his castell, which should be all ours if playsed the Generall to come with what speed he could thither, whereby he hoped to come to some good composition with the Hollanders. This day dyed of the flixe *Daniell Aske*. The 13. we wayed our ankers to come ride nearer the shore of *Manillia*; but our Generall made the *Portingall* souldier beleeue he wayed to go to the fort which was no part of his meaning, for that there was not any hope of good to be done for vs, the *Hollanders* being there before vs, but before we came tō an anker, we hard ordinance goe of, so that we made account the fight was begun betweene them, for that the *Portingall* souldier tould our Generall, they would neuer yeild vp their fort, but fight it out to the last man, with many other braggs of their strength and resolution, which afterwards pro-

ued to be nothing but words. This day our Generall went a land with some Marchandize to barter with them, but nothing was donne that day but put of tell the next day.

The fourteenth our Marchants went a shore with commodites, and the chiefe of the towne came and prised our wares: which they liked very well; But offered very little for them, and for such cloues as they had, they would not sell vnder 100. ryalls of 8. the bahar which made shoe they had no will to deale with vs: The *Portingall* souldier went a land, with our Generall with a letter to his Captaine and foure yards of greene cloth giuen him for a reward, but when they came to talke with the people to know what newes at the fort, some sayd it was taken, others said they were in fight, but in these doubts their came a messenger from the fort, which brought vs certaine newes, it was yealded to the *Hollanders* by composition, but vpon what conditions I knew not. The *Portingall* souldier hearing this certaine newes durst not returne, for fear the people would cut his throt by the way, but desired the Generall he might tarry with him, which he granted: and after the Gouernor of the towne, had hard that the Hollanders had the castle, He then tould our Generall he would sell vs no cloues without licence of the Hollanders, so that all hope of trade in this place was gone. The fifteenth day we tooke in water, and made partició of the marchandize, to the Assention for shee had taken none in at *Bantam*, but all was put in to our ship by reason they were so exceeding weak, they were not able to stoe them.

Here our Generall was almost in despaire for the attayning

tayning of his layding, and especially for *Cloues*, *Nutmegs*, and *Mace*; we hard they had good store at *Banda*, but the *Hollanders* were there before vs with great store of such commodities as we had, which they had taken in a ship bound to the *Molucos*, laden with the same commodities, yet there was hope of the *Banda* commodities which is Nuts and Mace, by reason of the great quantie we hard say they had: likewise this day the Generall called a counsell of the *Captains*, *Maisters*, and *Marchants*, and there told them, that their was no way left vs to attaine to our lading, but to part company. And the Assention to goe for the Iles of *Banda* to seeke her lading of *Nutmegs* and *Mace*, and that he was minded with the *Dragon* to goe to the *Molucas*, or else at leastwise to doe his best to get thither.

This speech of his was disliked of all: for that in both our Shippes at that present were not so many seruiceable men as would sayle the Assention, and therefore we should hazard both the ships to part company hauing so weake a company, and likewise to attempt the Voyage to the *Mollucas*, it was against reason, for that he had both the wind and corrant against vs, and to plye it to winde-ward with so weake a company, it would be lost labour. This was the opinion of all, saue the General, who stil had a good hope we should attaine it. At this time nothing was concluded, but left to be cõsidered vpon til the next morning. The 16 day very early in the morning before day, M. *Groue* came to the *Generals* bed side, telling him he cold take no rest all the night, for thinking of the motion made by him, & our going to the *Moluc*as, althogh it was a thing neuer attempted by any, yet he saw no other way to put it in

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practise; otherwise we must make account to returne backe to *Bantam* without lading.

The General was glad to heare him of that minde, and at the comming aboord of Captaine *Choulthurst*, and his master, it was absolutely determined vpon, to part company, although greatly to the dislike of them both, for they thought neuer to see vs again: our weakenesse in both ships being so exceeding weake: the seuenteenth day wee wayed, and plyed to windeward all the day and all the night to get to sea, the way we came in: the eighteenth day we got to sea cleare of *Amboyna*, and stood to sea till the after-noone, and then wee parted company with the *Ascention*, bearing vp for *Banda* afore the winde, not hauing passing a day and a halfe saile. From the eighteene to the one and twentie, wee plyed it and got very little to wind-wards; this day it fell calme, and we were caried betweene two *Ilandes*, they bee called *Manipa*, and *Amboyzeylioe*, with a great currant, and lost more in the calme in one night, then we had got in two dayes: the Generall sent his brother to *Manipa*, to buy freshe vittels, but euery thing was so deare they came without, sauing a couple of Goats the king sent our Generall for a present.

The king of this Ile vsed our men very kindly, and feasted them, being very glad to heare of the health of our Queene: he asked for Sir *Francis Drake*: this king was at *Tarnata*, when Sir *Francis Drake* was there. The two and twentieth day, we ankered vnder *Manipa*, on the South west side, in 50 fadomes: this day dyed *Thomas Harman* of the Flixe: the three and twentieth, we weyed with very much adoe, for our anker

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was foule of a rock, we broke one of the flooks there-of, before we could way it. The 24. day moſt part calme, in which calmes we were caried very neer *Mapipa* ſhore, all ſayles ſtanding and vpon a ſudden came a guſt, which had like to haue put vs vpon a ledge of rocks, which we had no way to auoyde, but all ſayles ſtanding came to an anker, we ankerd within a quoits caſt of the rocks, and ſo eſcaped that danger. The 25. day died *Thomas Beynes*: the 27. day much raine, the winde weſterly.

March, the firſt, the windes all Northerly: this day dyed of the Flixe *Thomas Wheeler*: the ſecond day the winde at the North weſt for the moſt part, this day dyed of the flixe, *Richard Hedges*; and *William Flud*.

The third day we came faire by an Iland, not ſpecified in our cards, it lieth Weſt South weſt, from the Southermoſt Iland of *Bachan* ſome foure-teene leagues: this Ile of *Bachan*, we gaue to name *Halbowling*, for that in 7. dayes ſailing we got not a mile: the fourth and fift dayes we plied all we might, but could doe noe good, and thoſe few ſound men wee had were tyred with contiuall labour, wee at this preſent lacking both woode and water, came to an anker vnder *Halbowling* in ſixtie fadomes, this time the Maiſter and boatſone were both very ſicke of the flixe, inſomuch that the Generall was in great doubt of their recouery: the ſixt day very much wind, at North weſt, our Generall went a land to ſeeke for freſh water but could find none, but digging a well in the ſand wee founde very e good water, as for Woode, wee needed not to ſeeke for; that the

Iſland yeelded nothing but wood to the ſea-ſide, that one was ſcarce able to paſſe, the trees and brakes were ſo thicke: here our portingal ſouldier was verie ſicke of the flixe, and the Generall was verie carefull of him, for that he hoped by his meanes to haue trade with the *Portingales* of *Tydore* for *Cloues*. The 7. 8. and 9. dayes, wee ſpent in wooding and watering, which wee got all aboard: the ninth day the windes continuing northerly with much raine. This day dyed of the flixe *William Elmeſmore*. The 10. day wee weyed, but had much adoe to gette vp a ſmall anchor, our weakeneſſe was ſo great, that wee could not ſtart it without tackles: this day dyed *Dauid Flud*. The 11. day raynie weather, the winde at north-weſt, wee ſtood to the northeaſt-ward: this day dyed one of our Marchants called Maſter *George Ware* of the flixe. The 12, 13, and 14 dayes, wee ſpent in turning to wind-ward, ſometimes vpon one tacke, ſometimes of the other. The 13. day dyed *Edward Ambroſe* of the flixe. The 15. and 16. dayes, the windes eaſterly, wee made ſome 19. leagues north weſt.

The 17. day wee were in 10. minutes of ſouth latitude, the windes all weſterly, and wee ranne ſome 10. leagues north: this day we had ſight of all the Cloue-Iſlands, that is to ſay, *Makian*, *Muter*, *Tidore* and *Tarnata*, all of them picked hilles in forme of a ſugar-loafe. The 18 and 19 dayes, wee were faire vnder the land of *Makian*; Betweene that and *Gilolo*, where the people of *Makian* came aboard of vs with freſh victuals, but ſould verie deere: they ſayd they had good ſtore of Cloues in the Iſland: but they could not ſell vs any without leaue of the King of *Tarnata*. The 20 and 21.

we spent plying to winde-wards with little wind, between *Makian*, & *Muter*. This Island of *Muter* is vninhabited, but hath great store of Cloues vpon it, this Island standeth between *Tidor* & *Makian*, but neerer to *Makian* by one third of the way thá it is to *Tidore*; the people of this Island haue been slaine most part in the wars between *Tarnata* and *Tydore*, for sometime it was subiect to one King, and sometime to another. The 22. day, we got vnder the land of *Tydore*, and bearing vp between a smal Island called *Pulo Camillie*, and *Tydor*, there came rowing two of their Galleys from *Tarnata*, making all the speed posible they could toward vs, the headmost of the two weuing with a white flagge vnto vs to strike sayle, and to tarrie for them. At the same time came 7. *Tydore* Galleys, rowing betwixt vs and the shoare, to chase the *Turnatanes* Galleys, wee not knowing their pretence, they in the *Tarnate* Galleys did all they might to ouertake our Ship weauing with two or three flags at once to tarie for them, which our Generall seeing, caused the top-sayles to be strucke, and lay by the lee to knowe what was the matter; so that the formost of these Galleys or *Caracolles* recouered our shippe, wherein was the King of *Tarnata*, and diuers of his Noble-men, and three Dutch Marchants. when they had fast hold of the ship, the Dutch Marchants shewed themselues to vs looking pale, and desired our Generall for Gods sake, to rescue the Caracole that came after vs, wherein were diuers *Dutch-men*, which were like to fall into the enemies handes, where there was no hope of mercie, but present death: wherevpon our Generall caused our Gunner to shoote at the *Tydore* Galleys, yet

that would not cause them to leaue their chace, but within shot of our ordinance discharged all their shot at the *Tarnata* Galley, and presently boarded them, and put all to the sword sauing three men, which saued their liues by swimming, and were taken vp by our men in our boate, there were no *Dutch-men* in her as they reported, but all *Tarnatanes*: if wee had not tarryed as wee did, the King of *Tarnata* and those with him, had fallen into his enemies hand, where no hope of mercie was to bee expected: the Dutch-marchants comming aboard, told our Generall they thought wee had beene *Hollenders*, and bound for *Tarnata*, and that was the cause they had put themselues in such danger, and likewise to know whether wee were bound, our Generall told them that he was going then for *Tydore*, to seeke trade with the *Portugals*, with whom we were in amitie: they diswaded the Generall not to attempt any such thing, for there was no other thing to bee expected at their handes but trecherie; the Generall answered hee knew them well enough, but minded to worke so warily with them, that hee doubted not of any harme they could doe him.

The *Dutch-men* seeing our Generall minded to goe to the *Portugall-towne* of *Tydore*, desired him that he would not let the king of *Tarnata* and them fall into their enemies hand: whom so lately he had deliuered them from, & as for Clowes there was good store to bee had at *Tarnata*, and *Makean*, and for their parts they would not bee our hindrance, for that they had neither wares nor money left. So the Generall caused them

them to entreat the king to come into the ship, who came in trembling: which the Generall seeing thought hee was a colde, and caused his man to fetch him a blacke damaske gowne, layde with golde lace, and lyned with vnshorne Veluet, which the king put vpon his backe, but neuer had the maners to surrender it againe, but kept it as his owne: the king being in the Generals Cabin desired him to goe with him to *Tarnata*, where hee minded to haue a factorie, but himselfe and his shippe would make no stay there, but goe to *Tydore*, to see what vsage hee should finde of the *Portugals*.

The king did what hee could to perswade him to the contrary but could not preuayle. Heare the Generall deliuered a Letter from the KINGS MAIESTIE of *ENGLAND*, with a fayre standing Cuppe, and a couer double gilt, with diuers of the choisest *Pintadoes*, which hee kindly accepted of, and presently had the Letter red, and enterpered vnto him where-with hee made shewe to bee greatly contented.

Wee trimmed our Sailes by a winde, and plyed to winde ward for *Tarnata*: the Kings *Carracole* not daring to put from the shippe. About foure of the clocke in the after-noone, came the King of *Tarnatas* eldest sonne aboard in a light Frigat which rowed well: hee greatly doubted the well-fare of his father, and the king stood in doubt of his sonne. At his comming to his father aboard our ship in the Generals cabin, he kissed his fathers right foot, & he kissed his head

the Generall had giuen warning to all his company that they ſhould tell no newes of the *Hollands* fleet, but before night it was tould the King and all the reſt, but by whome could neuer be learned. From the twentie two, to the twentie foure, the King and all his crewe taried a bord of vs. the foure and twentieth day, we came by the chiefe towne of *Tarnata*, and ſaluted them with ſeauen peeces of ordinance, the ſame after noone wee came to an anker in the rode, which is in the Southeſt part of the Iland in fourteene fadomes ſandy grownd: the rode is from the towne two leagues and a halfe. The twentie fiue day the king ſent for his plate and vittells from the towne, and feaſted the Generall in his owne Cabin, there ſat none of his nobles with him at table, none ſat but his ſonne and the Generall: the reſt ſat vpon the floore of the Cabin croſſe legged, like tailors: after dinner the Generall deſired him that he would take ſome order, he might haue a houſe to eſtabliſh a factorie, for that he was minded to goe to the *Portugals* to ſee what he could do with them: the King perſwaded him earneſtly not to meddle with them, for he was ſure there was nothing but villanie and trecherie with them: The Generall ſayd it was a folly to diſſwade him from it, and therefore prayed him that he might haue a houſe according to his promiſe. The King ſeeing in what earneſtnes the Generall did ſpeake vnto him, ſayd hee would preſently depart to the town, and cauſe a houſe to be prouided in a redineſſe for his Marchants. The twentie ſix before day our Generall was in a redines with ſuch Marchants and Marchandizes as he minded to leaue at *Tarnata*, went to the towne, and an howre

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before day came thither, the King hearing a noyse of trumpets knew that our Generall was come, and sent a small *Prawe* to our pinnes to will our Generall to come vnto him; he was a board the admirall of the *Caracoles*, he came into our pinnes and sat some halfe an howre there taking *Tabacko*, and then came the *Sabendor*, with light and brought the Generall to his house, and the King to his *Caracole*. Our Generall presently after his landing caused his men to land all our goods, & carrie thē to the house, which was performed before day light: then the *Dutch Marchants* enuited the Generall and Maister *Browne* to dine with them, with whome they presently went to the *Dutch-house*, where they shewed them, what euery sort of commodities were worth in that place, with proffers of any kindnes they could doe him. As for the prices of our wares the *Generall* had made enquirie of the *Gusorates* which came aboard, which did agree with the *Dutchmen*, in rating of euery sort of them, whereby he knewe that they didnot dissemble.

Before it was dinner time, there came a Messenger from the King, to will the Dutch Marchants to come and speake with him; and the Generall came home to our house, where hee had not stayed halfe an houre, but one of the Dutch Marchants came for him to come speake with the King; So the Generall taking Master *Browne*, and *Iohn Addeyes*; one that had the language, and my selfe with him, went presently with them that were present, where wee found the King in a large roome sitting in a chaire, and all his chief Counsellars about him sitting vpon mattes on the ground;

ground; before him the Dutch-Marchants sitting amonge them; when the Generall came, the King willed him to sit downe, after hee was set, the King caused the Letter brought by our Generall from the kinges Maiestie of *England* to bee openly read; which being done, the King acknowledged himselfe beholding vnto his Maiestie, for so kinde a Letter and a present, which he would endeuour to requite. And for confermation thereof, he gaue his subiects free leaue to trade with vs for cloues, and likewise as one wishing vs all the good he could, hee desired our Generall for his owne good, that he would not haue any thing to doe with his enemies, (the King of *Tidore* and the *Portugalles*,) with whome he should finde nothing but treason and trecherie.

The Generall by his interpretor gaue him great thanks for his kindnes, in giuing so free liberty to trade with his people, and likewise for his good counsell to shun the trecherie of the *Portugalls*, but for his part he doubted no trecherie at all should harme him, for that he did mind to stand vpon such a gard as all the strength they had should not offend him, and therefore desired his highnes to pardon him hee did not follow his counsell, for that hee purposed withall speede to goe thither and to offer them peaceable trades, which if they refused, hee had the thing he desired, then had he iust cause to bee at warres with them, and if they would not accept of peaceable trade, hee minded to ioyne with the *Hollanders* against them, when GOD should send them thither.

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This ſpech of the Generall, contented the King and all there preſent ſo that they had no more to ſay, but intreat him, that he did not furniſh them with any of our great ordinance, and to take great care of their trechery: and ſo the counſell broke vp, The Generall taking his leaue of the King and all his nobles, for preſently after dinner, he minded to depart abord: alſo the King promiſed, if the *Portingales* would not trade with vs, he would write his letter to the gouernor of *Makean* to deale with vs, for all the cloues in that Ile. And, ſo the Generall and Maiſter *Browne* went to the Duch houſe to dinner: which being done he came home with the Duch marchants in his company. And ſo, taking leaue of them and of vs, departed abord.

The 27. day in the morning came abord 2. men, ſent by the King of *Tarnat*, with a letter to the gouernor of *Makean*, to trade with vs. They were ſent by the King to go along with vs thither, for our better vſage. So about 8. a cloke in the morning we weighed, & plyed it all day for the roade of *Tidore*: and about ſunne ſetting we came to an anchor, in 32. fadomes ſandy ground, on the weſterne ſide of the Ile faire of, by the ſhore. Coming to an anchor there came a *Caricole* with two ſwift Cãoas to take vewe of our ſhip. Our General Commanded one to weaſſe them with a white flag: and preſently, one of the ſmall *Prawes* came faire by vs, demaunding whence we were. Our Generall cauſed our *Portingall* ſoldiar, to will them to come aboord, for we were Engliſh men and their friends. And ſo there came aboord vs three *Portingales*, which entred in to the gallery, and went into the Generalls cabin: where the Generall told them, his comming

thither, was to seeke trade with them as friends, for that the wars betweene our nations was done, and a peace cõcluded, The Queene of *England* being dead, and the King of *Scots*, King of *England*. They made answer, that they knew that the Queene was dead, by way of the *Phillipines*, and to heare of the long desired peace they were very glad, and for trade with vs they said they could say nothing, till that they had made the Captaine acquainted therewith: and because it was night, they were desirous to be gone, promising the next day morning to returne. So the *Generall* let them depart, and our *Portingall* souldier with them, with a letter to the Captaine of the fort, wherin he did certifie him of the newes of Christiandome, and the cause of our comming thither, and so they departed.

The 28. day about 6. a clocke, we weighed, hauing very little wind, & at 8. a clocke came a Carticole, & 2. Prawes frõ the *Portingalls* towne, and in them fiue *Portingalls*, and our aboue named souldier: the *Generall* stood in the waste, and entertained them: our souldier telling the *Generall*, the principal of them was called *Thome Detoris* Captaine of a Galeon, and the rest married men of the towne. Captaine *Detoris* deliuered our *Generall* a letter from the captaine of the Fort: the effect was, that he was welcome with all his company, to him and all the rest of the *Portingalls* inhabiting in that place, and whereas the King of *Tarnata* and the *Hollanders* their enemies, had giuen bad reports of them, saying there was nothing but villanie and treason to be had at their hands, hee hoped our *Generall* did conceiue better of them, and that their

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reports were of malice and not of trueth, and no credit to be giuen to the report of their enimies. But experience should proue them lyars, and themselues no such bad minded people: and therefore he willed the Generall to haue no doubt of good vsage at their hands, and for trade which he desired with them, hee would resolue him thereof the next day: for as yet they had not called a councell concerning that matter, without which councell, he could not doe it, but willed him to haue no doubt thereof. So the generall tooke them downe to his Cabin to breakfast, and the Carricole and the botes towed the ship to the townwards, being very little wind. About eleuenth a clock we came to an anchor, a little to the northwards of the Fort, and saluted the fort and towne, with 7. peeces of Ordinance: and from the fort answered with 3. peeces, and presently vpon the same, in a boat came the Captaine of the fort, called *Petro Alleneris Debbroo*, and the Captain of the other Galeon called *Ferdinando Perrera* de *Sandy*: these Galeons that these Captaines did belong to, did ride within a league of rockes very neere the shoare, with their broad sides to seaward, with Ordinance placed therein to shoote at their enemies, which come rowing by thē sundry times. The Generall brought the Captaine of the Fort, and the other Captaine downe with the rest to breakfast, the Captaine of the Fort making great hast to be gone. After many cōplements passed betweene our General and them, they tooke their leaue and departed, promising the next day to come looke vpon our commodities, and to agree vpon price for them. About 3. a clocke our Generall sent his brother a

shoare with presents to the 3. Captaines, which they very kindly accepted: The Captaine of the Fort returning the *Generall* a fat beefe.

The 29. day came Captaine *Torris* and other *Portingalls* aboard, and the *Generall* caused our Marchants to bring a note of all such commodities as were in our ship, into his Cabin: where he shewed euery sort vnto them, setting a price vpon them. Captaine *Torris* and the rest of the *Portingalls*, said they were too deare at such rates, saying & protesting they sold better cheape such like cõmodities one to the other, and therefore desired the *Generall* to bee more reasonable, and then he should haue all the Cloues in the *Iland*. The *Generall* with-drew himselfe apart, and in writing set downe his lowest prices, how hee would sell, willing them to go a land and consider of it, & returne with an answer (if they could) that night: so they tooke their leaue and went a shore.

The 30. day Captaine *Torris* came aboard, and would haue abatement of each sort of commodities: which the *General* would not yeeld vnto, telling him, if he would not giue such prices, he wold be gone for *Makean*: and vpon the same presented the two *Tarnataes* which the King sent to him for the same purpose. So he seeing nothing would be abated of that price, agreed with the *General*, & appointed his own dwelling house for our factory, with many kinde proffers, which he faithfully performed.

The 31. being Easter day, Captaine *Torris* with diuers of the principall men of the towne, dined aboard with our *Generall*.

Aprill the 1. in the morning the *Generall* sent his brother

ther & M. *Woodnoth* with marchandise a land to Captain *Torris* house, & within an houre after, the *Generall* went a land himself, where he was visited by the king, the Captaine of the fort, and all the principall men of the towne, who intertained him most kindely. They stayed some small time with him, and departed all of them. They being gone, the *Generall* beganne to set his Marchants a worke, to buy Cloues of the *Portingalls*: & hauing set them in a ready way how to deale with them, he went with Captaine *Torris* to dinner, where there was no lacke of good cheere. After dinner came the high priest, to welcome our *Generall*, willing him to haue no doubt of any bad dealing in that place: vpon his soule hee would vndertake, that there were not any in the towne that wished him or any of his company any harme: with many other complements, and so departed. Captain *Torris* made offer to the *Generall*, to be his chiefe Factor, and to helpe his brother and M. *Woodnoth* in their busines, each hauing more to doe then they could well turne them to: and to say the trueth, he was so carefull in their busines, as if it had bin his own. This day died of the flixe, M. *Mitten* our cooke, and of the flixe *Thomas Halls*. The *Tydoryans* came not aboard to sell vs any thing: the *Generall* doubted it was long of the *Portingals*, who had put them in some needlesse feare.

The 6. day the *Generall* sent his brother to the king of *Tydore* with a present, and to diuers of his principal men, desiring his highnesse, he would giue his subiects leaue to repaire aboard with cloues, and fresh victualls, and that there was no cause of feare why they should abstaine from so doing. The King said, they

should haue leaue to bring vs refreshing a board: But for the cloues his people had, should bee brought to the English-house, otherwise the quantity wee should buy, would not be knowne, whereby the King of *Portingall* might loose his custome, and presently vppon the same, the King made a Proclamation, willing all his people to repaire to the English factory, with such Cloues as they had. The Captaine of the Fort, proclaiming the like in his towne, there came a flying report, the *Hollanders* were in sight, and vpon the same the King sent out a Caricole to sea, but saw no shipping.

The 9. day the Generall sent his brother a shore againe vnto the King, with a present to desire his highnesse to giue his subiects leaue to repaire aboard with their Cloues, for that the *Portingalls* would not permit them to repaire to his house, but would be serued themselues with the best wares, and let his people haue but their leauings. Whereupon the King promised they should come aboard: which they afterwards did.

The 12. day came newes the *Hollanders* were in sight, and out went the bloudy colours, at the Fort. The 14, day being Sunday Captaine *Torris* the Kings factor, and diuers other of the principal of the *Portingals*, dined with the General. This day the Captain of the Fort, sent our Generall word, that the *Hollanders* were off, and on *Bachan*, willing the Generall to cause his factors to get in his debts that were owing before their comming.

The 15. day the Generall sent his brother a shore, to gather in such debts as were owing, and likewise

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to buy Cloues, if any came to the house to bee sold: which he performed, buying some small quantity, for that most in the Iland were in our hands, without it were some 80. Bahars which the Kings Factor had, which he could not sell, because they did belong vnto the Marchants of *Malaca*. The captaine of the fort gaue commandement to al men, to make present paiment, which they honestly performed. The Generall sent to Captaine *Torris*, to know the cause: hee sent him word, we had bought all they had, without it were, those which were in the factors hands, which could not be sold.

The 19. day we prepared for our departure from hence, to go to *Makeau*. The 20. day came a *Portingall* a board with a letter to our Generall, from the Captaine of the fort, the effect thereof I could not learne. The King of *Tarnatas* two men, which all this time of our being in this place had tarried aboard, were very earnest with the Generall for their departure to the Ile of *Makeau*, where they made no doubt but to lade our ship with cloues. They began to be merry to see vs in such readinesse to bee gone, for they liued in no small feare of some treason, to be attempted against vs by the *Portingals* and *Tydorians*, in so much that all the time of our being here, they were the best watchmen in our ship. The Generall sent his brother to the King, desiring his highnesse, he would write his letter to the Gouernour of *Taffasoa*, to sell him such cloues as they had there, which he presently did. This towne of *Taffasoa* is vpon *Makeau* and holds for the King of *Tydore*. all the rest of the Iland is the Kings of *Tarnata*.

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The 21. day being Sunday, came the same *Portingall* that brought our Generall the letter the day before, with commendations from his Captaine to the Generall, & to certifie him the *Hollanders* ships were in sight. The *Portingall* taking his leaue, about eleuen a clocke wee weighed with a smal fauourable gale of winde, to go for *Makeau*. As we passed by the Fort, we saluted thē with 5. peeces, they answering vs with 3. Likewise comming thwart the Kings towne, we gaue them 5. peeces, and were answered with 6. from the *Galeons*. At this present we had sight of the *Hollanders*. Capten *Torris* our Generals great friend, comming a board presēted him with hens, which be both scarse and deare, and so tooke his leaue: we keping on our course with little winde, for *Makeau*, passing betwene *Mottera* & *Poulacauaiya*, the *Hollāders* seing vs come rome vpon them, were in good hope we had beene a *Portingall* that for feare was flying away. Night being at hand, they spread themselues, that we could not passe them, but one or other must needes see vs. About midnight, we came amongst thē, sounding our trompetes, whereby they did know we were not *Portingales*. The Admirall sent his shiper in his pinnasse aboord, to know what newes: which was certified them at full. He departing, they saluted vs with 3. peeces of ordinance: we answred them with the like. They told our Generall, that they had taken *Amboyna* castell, and left a garrison therein.

The 22. day we came to an anchor about seuen a clocke at night, a little to the eastwards of the chiefe towne of *Makeau*: the towne is called *Moffeia*, in which towne the *Viceroy* for the King of *Tarrata* is resident

resident, this after noone, came a cary cole aboard before we came to an anchor, and told our General, they would go about the Ile, and to all the townes, to giue them warning to repaire to our shippe with their cloues before night. They had compassed the Iland, and came aboard vs againe.

The 23. day, the Generall sent his brother with the two *Tarnataes*, and the Kings letters, and a present to the Gouernor. The present hee receiued, and caused the letter to be publikely read: but for the cloues of that Iland, he said they were not ripe, but those fewe that were to be had, the Generall should haue them the next day. This day died of the flixe, our Baker *Griffith Powell*. April

The 24. day the Generall went a shore himselfe, to the Gouernor, to know why the people came not with cloues according to promise. He made answer, he thought there were not any ripe in the Iland, but he had sent to all the townes, to warne them to bring in cloues: which they would not faile on the morrow. The Generall seeing their delayes, began to suspect, the King of *Tarnataes* letter was to command them to sell vs none: therefore, if they came not the next day, he would go to *Taffasoa*. Much quarrell and war is betweene those of this place, and they of the Iland: and if there bee any taken of either part, the most fauour they shew them, is to cut off their heads.

The 25. day came most of the chiefe men of the Iland aboard to our Generall, and told him they had small store of ripe cloues in the Iland, which they were willing he should haue. But they were sent for, by the King of *Tarnata*, to repaire with their forces, to

assist him in his warres, against the King of *Tydore*, & the *Portingalls*: and therefore desired him not to bee offended with them, for that that they could not sell him cloues till the wars were done. This day they of *Taffasoa* had taken ten men of this towne, and cut off their heads.

The 26. we weighed, with very little wind, and plied it for *Taffasoa*, which standeth on the west-north-west part of the Iland.

The 27. day the Generall sent his brother in his pinnasse to the towne of *Taffasoa* with the king of *Tydores* letter, which he deliuered. The gouernor hauing read it, made answer, that all the cloues they could make, the General should haue: for that the King had sent him word in an other letter, which hee receiued the day before, that he should cause all in the towne to be sold him. The *Portingalls* haue a small Block-house with 3. peeces of Ordinance in this towne, wherein were fiue *Portingalls*: they had some cloues which they promised the Generall should haue. The pinnasse returned, and brought one of the *Portingalls* aboard, the ship lying becalmed all the time of their absence.

The 28. day, about 10. a clocke in the morning, we came to an anchor, right before the towne of *Taffasoa* in 70. fadome water, hard by the shore.

The 29. day the Generall went a land to the Gouernor, who offered himself, & towne, to be at his disposition: saying his King cõmanded him so to do. The Generall demanded, whether the people would bring their cloues aboard: he made answer, they had small store of boats, and could not therefore so conueniently

ly come aboard. So the Generall told him, he would set vp a tent vpon the strand, right against the ship: if he would cause his people to bring them thither, hee liked well thereof: and came downe with the General to choose out a conuenient place, and so tooke his leaue, promising, so soone as the Generall sent aboard to will them to make prouision to set vp a tent: which in two houres after was done.

The 30. day was an alarum in the towne, their enimies hauing taken a man without the walls, & cut off his head. The King of *Tydore* hath souldiers there, which keepe good watch and ward, the towne standing vpon a point of a land, close by the sea, and is compassed with a wall. The King of *Tarnata* hath twise atrempted with all his force to take it, but could do no good. They liue in such feare, they dare not at any time go a flight-shot out off their walles, without a gard of souldiers. They haue often truce, but they breake it vpon slight occasions. A little before night the Gouernor came to our Generall, and told him, there were no more cloues to be had, and therefore he presently caused the tent to be pulled downe, and sent all things aboard.

The second day in the morning our General receiued a letter from the Captaine of the fort, wherein he certified him, of the burning of the two Galeons by the *Hollanders*, and intreated him to make speed thither to see the fight, which he dayly expected: and to bring those fiue *Portingalls* with him, which were at *Taffasoa*: willing the Generall, that he should come to an anchor before the Kings towne, where hee should haue all the cloues they had.

The 3. day in the afternoone, we came before the Kings towne, where we found all the *Hollanders* riding, and let fall an anchor amongst them, in a 100. fadomes, fayre by the shore. The King of *Tarnata* was likewise there, with all his Carricoles. After the mooring of our ship, the Generall sent M. *Graue* our Maister to the Dutch admirall, who found but cold intertainement: the Dutch affirming, we had assisted the *Portingalls* in the last fight, whereby they had receiued great hurt, & that they were told so by a *Gossorat*. The Maister denied it, and said, the *Gossorat* lyed like a dogge: saying, if the Generall had done so, hee would not denye it, for any feare of them, but iustifie it to their faces, either here or any where else. These hot speeches being ouerpassed, they grew into milder termes, and then they began to tell our Maister the manner of their fight with the Galeons, and the burning of them, with the losse of some of their men in the same fight: and they minded the next day to fall downe to the Fort, and lay battery to it: which they had done before, if the King of *Tarnata* had not withhold them, in perswading them to tarry for more helpe, which he expected frō the other Ilands. So the Maister hauing learned what news he could, came aboard, and told the Generall, what speeches had passed. An houre after the Maisters comming aboard, there came a praw from the Kings towne, with a letter to our Generall from Captaine *Torris*, wherein there was nothing but commendations, and that hee would come aboard, when it was darke, and see him. The General willed him to come, either night or day, he should be welcome. This euening the King of

Tarnata

Tarnata rowed ouer for *Battachina*, with all his Carricoles: & Captain *Torris* came aboard to see our Generall, tarrying some two houres, telling the Generall, they desired to fight with the *Hollanders*, not doubting of victory: and for such cloues as they had, they should be brought to the Kings towne, and so conueied aboard vs. So growing very late, he tooke his leaue and departed ashore.

The 5. day, the *Hollanders* expected the comming of the King of *Tarnata*, but he came not.

The 6. day, our Generall sent sent his brother and M. *Woodnoth* to the King of *Tydore*, to know if he wold sel them any cloues. He made answer, at that time all his people were busie in fortifiyng the towne, so that he could not spare them from their worke, but bid the Generall assure himselfe of all the cloues that hee and the *Portingals* had. This night came one of our men in a small Carrycole, from *Tarnata*, and told our Generall, that they were hardly vsed by the King of *Tarnata*, in not suffering them to buy and sell with his people, according to promise, and had taken their weight from them, giuing commandement that no man should sell them any cloues. Likewise he said, that they could get no victualls for their money, because of the warres, and that all our men were very sicke, saue M. *Browne*. The king by his Carricole, sent the *Hollanders* word, he would be with them in the morning.

The 7. day in the morning came the King of *Tarnata*, with all his forces, and he himselfe went aboard the *Hollands* admirall, where most part of the forenoone was spent in counsell, and about one of the

clocke the ships weighed, and came vnder their fore-topsailes faire by the Fort, and let flye all their Ordinance, the Fort shooting now and then a peece at them. They came to an anchor a little to the Northwardes of the Fort, where they spent the most part of that afternoone in shooting at it, but harmed them not at all. The *Portingalls* could not harme the shipps as they rid, hauing but one peece laid out that way. In the hottest of this battery, the King of *Tarnata* & the *Hollanders* landed some of their forces a little to the northward of the towne: not finding any resistance they intrenched themselues where they landed in the sand, and there continued all the night without molestation. After the *Hollanders* had done their battery, Captaine *Torris* came aboard, to see our Generall, where he was very merry and pleasant, saying as alwaies he had, that they nothing doubted of a happy victory, and for such Ordinance as had bin shot at them, it had done them no harme at all, onely he was sorry that the Ordinance did hinder them for bringing of cloues to him. But he desired the General to haue a little patience, & he should not want cloues to lade his ship: which were nothing but wordes, for it was well knowne to the Generall hee had but 80. bahars in the towne, which the factor had.

The 8. day, very early in the morning, the shippes beganne to batter the fort: which continued the most part of the morning, in which time those men of the *Hollanders*, which lodged a land, had brought themselues within Saker shotte of the Fort, and there raised a mount, whereon they placed a great peece of Ordinance, and began their batterie. The *Portingals*

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The 9. day, before it was light, the ships beganne their battery, and they likewise from the mounte, and vpon a sodaine the *Dutch*, and the *Tarnataes* sallied out off their trenches, with scaling ladders, and had entred vpon the walles, before the *Portingalls* in the Fort were aware, and had placed their colours vpon their ramparts, which the *Portingalls* seeing, came with a charge vpon them, with shot and fire-workes, throwing at them which were so mounted, that they cast downe their weapons, and leaped downe far faster then they came vp, leauing their colours and their furniture behind them: the *Portingalls* still continuing throwing of fire workes amongst them, whereby diuers were hurt and scalded. At such time as the *Hollanders* gaue the scalado, 30. of the choisest *Portingals* with great number of the *Tydorians* were going in the woodes to giue an assault vpon the backes of them which were lodged, where the peece of Ordinance was mounted: in which time of their absence, the *Hollanders* entred vpon their walles. If these men had bin in the fort it had gone far worse with the *Hollanders*. The *Portingalls* that were abroad, hearing the alarum at the fort, came running backe againe, & some that ran fastest, came to the walls, at such time as they in the Fort had put them to the retreat, where they went to handy blowes with them. Captaine *Torris*, which had the leading of the 30. men, was shotte with a musket and slaine. By this time the most of the 30. *Portingalls* were gotten, some within and some vnder the walls: and the *Hollanders* and *Tarnatans* throwing away their weapons, beganne to take their

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heeles to runne into the sea. At this very instant, when the *Portingalls* and the *Tydorians* had the victory in their hands, and very ready to charge vpon their flying enimies, the Fort tooke fire, and blewe vp euen with the ground, so that all the *Portingalls* which were vnder the walles of the fort were there buried, and the most part within the Fort were blowne vp into the ayre: The Captaine being newly gone out to place two souldiers at a little posterne dore, gaue them charge to kill any *Portingalls* which should go out that way, in which time of his absence, the Fort was blowne vp, whereby his life was saued: but howe, or by what means it tooke fire it could not be known. The *Hollanders* and *Tarnatans* seeing the fort blowne vp, began to gather vp their scattered weapons, and made a stand, not daring to enter the ruines of the Fort, till the *Portingalls* had left it: which was halfe an houre after. In which time the *Portingall* and *Tydorian* slaues had sacked the towne, setting fire on the factory, where the cloues were, which they could not carry with them, leauing nothing of any worth behind them. When the King of *Tarnata* saw the victory on his side, he with all the Carricoles, came rowing towards the Kings towne, in triumph: but durst not come very neere, for that the King of *Tydore* did shoot at them. And so rowing by our ship, singing and making great mirth, returned to the Fort, where was no resistance, but so long as the *Portingalls* had it, he durst not come within a mile, Whē the *Tarnatues* had pillaged the towne, they set all the houses a-fire which were quickly burnt euen with the ground, being all made of canes. After this victory, the King of

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Tidore sent his sonne & a Nobleman, to our Generall, desiring him to be a meanes of peace betweene the *Hollanders* and him, for now he had what he desired, which was victorie ouer the *Portingales*. The Generall sent him word, he would do his best, as well for him, as for the *Portingalls*, which by fortune of warre were fallen into their enimies hands. So presently the Generall caused the Pinnasse to be manned, and he and the Maister went aboard the Dutch Admirall. Whē they came thither, they asked for the Admirall, who was ashore: but they sent for him. At his comming, he bad our Generall welcome, after many speeches passed of their fight, and commendations vndeserued giuen of themselues, they exclaimed vpon the *Tarnataes* for cowards. and attributed all the glory to themselues, saying they durst not stand by them in the fight, bnt ran away. After a great deale of vaine glorious commendations of themselues, the Generall was desirous to see what prisoners they had taken of the *Portingalls*: one was brought forth being one of Captain *Pereros* souldiers. The Generall bad him declare a trueth in a matter he would aske him: he made answer if he could he would, then he asked him what great ordinance, powder, shot & guns, they had from him to assist thē? He answered, [illegible] knew not of any, so turning to the Dutch admiral, he maruailed he should giue credit to such vntruths reported by a slaue. Hee answered againe, such things were told, but he did not beleeue them to be true. So the Generall asked, what he ment to do with the *Portingales* his prisoners? He said he would hang them. The Generall intreated him to shew them mercy: considering they did no-

thing but what all good subiects are bound to doe, in defence of their King and Country: and therefore desired not to take their liues, nor deliuer them to the King of *Tarnata*. He promised, at his intreaty, not any one of them should die, nor be deliuered to the King of *Tarnata*, but that he would ship them away to *Manallia*. The General gaue him thankes, taking leaue of them, and came rowing along the shore, by the kings towne, where he tooke in the Captain of the Fort, & brought him along with him aboard, where he both supped and lodged, and from him had the trueth, of all the fight, farre differing from that which the *Hollanders* reported. The Generall told him his going to the Dutch Admirall was, principally to intreat him, to shew mercy vnto the *Portingales*: which he promised to performe. The Captaine gaue him great thanks for the care he had of them, saying, now all their hope rested vpon him: and vpon the same, hee presented the Generall with a small Ruby set in a ring, praying him to weare it for his sake: which the General would not take, saying, what he could doe for them, was in Christian charity, and not for reward.

The 10 day, in the morning, our Generall went aboard the *Hollands* Admirall, to see if he could bring the King of *Tarnata* and the King of *Tydore*, and the *Hollanders* to a peace. The Dutch admirall made answer, the King of *Tarnata* would bee very hardly drawne to any peace with the King of *Tydore*, but he for his part would be willing thereunto: and if it pleased the King of *Tydore*, to repaire aboard his ship, hee should safely come and go, to haue conference with him. The Generall thought, he could perswade him to

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come aboord his owne ſhippe, ſo that he would leaue two duch Captaines aſhore in pledge for him. But to come aboard his ſhip, he was ſure he would not. So the Dutch Admiral ſent two of his chiefe Marchants with the General, to be left as pledges, if the King would come aboard: whereupon our Generall went to the king of *Tydore*, and told him what he had done in his behalfe, perſwading him to come aboard our ſhippe, which he was loath to yeeld to. The Generall ſeeing him feareful, told him, there was no ſuch cauſe, for that he had brought two Dutch Captaines, to remaine as pledges, and that he would leaue his brother with them. Then the King was willing, and cauſed his own boate to be fitted, & imbarked himſelfe. Being ready to put off, came the Kings ſiſter, and his ſon weeping as if he had gone to death, detayned him in this manner halfe an houre. In the end he put off, but when he was halfe way betweene the ſhore and the ſhip, he ſaw a Carricole rowing off from the Fort: which he ſtood in feare of, and would proceed no further, but returned backe, promiſing the next daye to come aboard, if we would ride with our ſhip nearer his towne.

The 11. day, in the morning we weighed, and anchored againe before the Kings towne. The General with his pledges going a ſhore, there was an alarum in the town, which was ſodainly done: the cauſe was, that a great number of the *Tarnataes* had conſorted to go robbe ſome out-houſes in the Kings towne, and finding nothing therein ſet them a fire. The *Tydorians* gaue a ſodaine aſſault vpon them, and had the cutting off, of a dozen of their heads: all the reſt hard-

ly escaped by running away. The heads they presēted to the King, our Generall standing by him, telling him the cause. The King seemed to be offended with the *Hollanders*, which had promised that no hostility of warre, should bee offered in this time of parlye. The *Hollands* Captaines which were in our Pinnasse seeing the heads, were in no small feare of their owne. After the rumor was appeased, the King imbarked himselfe with our Generall, and the Captaine of the Fort. The Dutch Marchants, and Captain *Middleton* rowed a shore for Pledges, but the King and our Generall came aboard our ship, where they stayed the comming of the Dutch Admirall: who comming aboard was brought downe to the King, in the Generalls cabbin, and they saluted one the other very friendly. After some little pause, the King said, whereas at your first comming hither you sent me word, your comming was not to harme mee, nor any of my subiects, but to expell the *Portingalls* your enimies out of the land, and make the place open for trade for al nations, and therfore you desired I should not take with them against you: which I performed till such time I did see my mortall enimy, the King of *Tarnata* ioyne with you, so that I was inforced to arme my selfe against him, who I know desireth nothing so much as the ouerthrowe and subuertion of my estate, and therefore you haue iust cause not to blame me for arming my selfe and people, against the inuasion of my mottall enimy. And now seeing you haue the vpper hand of your enimies the *Portingalles*, it resteth in your power to dispose of them as you shall thinke good. Now you haue your desire

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of them, I would know whether you will haue peace, or ioyne with the King of *Tarnata* against me. The Dutch Admiral answered, his cõming was only to expel the *Portingals*: which he thãked God, was now in his power. And for peace, he said it was the thing he desired with al princes in those parts, & that he wold doe what in him did lie to make an agreement, betweene the King of *Tarnata* & him. The King answered, that he desired a good peace, but it could hardly be: for that any slight occasion, was dayly cause of breach betweene thẽ. Therfore he desired the *Hollãders*, they wold take part with neither, & he doubted not, he should haue as good as he brought. The Admirall answered, he would do what he could, to make an agreement: which if he could not bring to passe, he promised the King (taking our Generall to witnes) that he would take part with neither of thẽ. Which speeches greatly contented the King, who excusing himselfe of not being well, tooke leaue and went a shore. After the King was gone, came the Captaine of the Fort, looking very heauilie, as he had iust cause: which the Dutch Admirall seeing, tooke him by the hand, bad him bee of good cheere, telling him that it was the chance of war, and that the fury being nowe gone, he minded to deale friendly with him and all the *Portingals*: Willing him to repaire aboard, where he should be welcome, and safely go and come. The Captain gaue him thanks, for his kindenes. So dinner being ready, & the pledges come from the shore, they dined all with our Generall, & departed euery man to his home. The 12. day being sunday, the *Portingal* captain with 6. of the principall of thẽ, came aboard to dine with our General, intreating him to go with thẽ

to the Dutch admiral, & be a meanes to haſten their departure, which he did, and at his intreaty they were ſent away in three Pinnaſſes and a frigat, to *Manillia*, for which they gaue the Generall great thankes.

The 12. day, the Generall ſent his Pinnaſſe to *Tarnata*, with prouiſion of victualls to our men which were there: & they returned the next day, & brought our Generall worde of the death of his ſeruant *Iohn Abell*, for whom he was very ſory.

This 13. day our Generall and the Maiſter went to the King of *Tornata*, to know whether hee would let him leaue a factory in his Ilād of *Tarnata*? He anſwered, he ſhould, but willed him to returne the next day, for that he would call a counſell concerning the matter, and then would giue them an anſwer. Frō thence the Generall went aboard the Dutch Admirall, and there told him, how the king of *Tarnata* had promiſed he ſhould haue a factory there: yet neuertheleſſe, if he would buy ſuch wares as we had left, and make paiment at *Bantam*, he ſhould haue them. Who anſwered, he thought the King of *Tarnata* would not forget himſelfe ſo much, as to graunt vs a Factory, conſidering he had written to his excellency, and likewiſe promiſed him, that they would trade with no nation but with them. And as touching our commodityes, he would not deale withall, for that they had two ſhips which were ſent, one to *Bengalla*, and the other to *Cambia*, to buy ſuch cōmodities, which they dayly expected. Our Generall ſaid, he had no reaſō to croſſe him, for leauing a factory there, for that Sir *Francis Drake* had trade in *Tarnata*, before the names of the *Hollanders* were knowne in thoſe parts of the world.

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So, for that time they parted, either part to take their best aduantage for their aduentures. The 14. day, the Generall went againe to the King, to know his answer concerning his factory. He found him aboard a Carticole & one of the Dutch Captaines in his company. The Generall told him, his cõming was according to his appointment. The king made present answer, he could grãt him no factory, for that he had made promise by writing, and word to the *Hollanders*, that no nation should haue trade with him or his people, but onely they. The Generall demanded, why he had not told him so, when he saued him from the *Tydorians*? and then he could haue told what to haue done. He said, both he and his subiects were willing we should tarry there, But the *Hollanders* did still vrge his promise. The Generall seeing he could not leaue a factory, desired him to send such order to *Tarnata*, that hee might haue leaue to carry those small quantity of cloues as his factors had bought and payed for, aboard, and he would trouble neither him nor the *Hollanders*. The king answered, that within seauen dayes he would be there himselfe, desiring the Generall, to ride still. He made answer, he liued at too great charges to lye still, and doe nothing, and therefore could stay no longer, but wold be gone the next morning: and so departed from him.

The 19. day, the Generall went a land, and tooke his leaue of the King of *Tydore*, and al his Noble men and all the *Portingals*, they being all sory for his departure.

The 20. day, we weighed in the morning, for *Tarnata* and at 5. a clocke in the euening, came to an anchor

againe on the north-east side of *Tydore*. This day died of the flixe *Thomas Richmond*.

The 21. day, at 4. of the Clocke in the morning we weighed, and about 10. a clocke, came to an anchor in *Tarnata* rode in 16. Fadomes, fayre by one of the Dutch ships, which two dayes before vs came from *Tydore*. this ship was to take in her lading of Cloues here. This after noone, the Generall sent his Pinasse, to knowe, if the King had sent word to the *Sabendor* to see the deliuery of such cloues, as was there of ours. The pinnasse brought word, M. *Browne* was very sick, and all the company which were with him. This after noone came aboard to our Generall, the Kings vncle of *Tarnata* called *Cichell Gegogoe*. To this man our generall told, how vnkindly he had beene vsed by the King and the *Hollanders*, and howe the King would neither giue him leaue to buy cloues, whiles he tarried here, nor permit him to leaue a factory there, contrary to the promise he made him, when hee saued both him & the *Hollands* factors, frō enimies hands: which good turne both the one and the other haue quite forgotten: likewise he said he thought the king had beene as our Kings in Christiandome are, which neuer will promise any thing, but they wil performe it. *Chichell Gegogoe* hearing this, said, he would that night go to the King, and then would tell him how much he did dishonour himselfe, to be so ouerruled by the *Hollanders*, and therfore willed the Genetall not to haue doubt of leauing a factory, and likewise to trade so long, as they tarried here in the despight of the *Hollanders*. And vppon the same, seeming to be angry, he departed, promising the next

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day to returne againe. This man could speake Portugais, whereby the General let him vnderstād his mind to the full. He knew Sir *Francis Drake*, when he was at *Tarnata*, and had beene aboard his ship with him.

The 22. day, the Generall sent his brother againe to the towne, to know if the *Sabendor* were come from the King with order to deliuer the cloues. Captaine *Middleton* found him now come to towne, & brought him to our Generall, who told him, he had order to deliuer the cloues, and likewise that hee should haue free liberty to buy and sell as well as the *Hollanders*: & that the King desired the Generall not to depart til he came, which should be shortly after the messenger. All this friendship *Chiche Gegogoe* procured. The *Sabendor* and his two sonnes supped and lodged in the Generalls cabin that night.

The 26. being sunday, *Chiche Gegogoe* was al afternoone with the General in his cabin, where he feasted him, in the best manner he could, & gaue him a very faire caliuer set with bone & many other things.

The 28. day, the pinnasse went to the towne, to fetch such cloues away as the Marchants should buye. The Generall or his brother, stil going or comming in her, at this time it was Captain *Middletons* chance to be in her, & as he and the Marchants were busie buying & weighing of cloues, in came a *Tarnatan*, & told them, that there was a man that was indebted vnto vs, that had brought a Canoa laden with cloues, to pay his debts, & the *Hollanders* had both carried him and the cloues to their house, because the mā was likewise indebted vnto thē. Out ran our men with weapons, but she was gone before they came, or else if they had not

made the more haſt, they had not carried them away ſo eaſily as they did. The marriners were hired by one of thoſe factors, whoſe head the Generall ſo lately had ſaued, for a Royall of 8. a man, to do this braue exploit, at their comming aboard. They told the Generall, how the *Holland* factors vſed thē, which hee tooke very euill.

The 29. day, the Generall went to the towne with 20. armed men, ſome ſhot, and ſome pikes, and Halberts: and at his cōming, he ſent word to the Dutch-houſe, they ſhould reſtore the cloues they had taken away. They told our Generall, that the party had bin in their debt theſe two yeares, and they could not get him to any paiment, & that the King had made proclamation, that no man, that was indebted vnto the *Hollanders*, ſhould ſell him any cloues, yet neuertheleſſe they would not be their owne iudges, but would ſtand to the iudgement of the King, when he ſhould come: & the cloues to remaine in the *Sabenders* hāds, till the matter was tried. So the General was pacified, threatning to giue the baſtinado to the factor which was the cauſe: but after that time, he durſt not paſſe by our dores. This breach betwixt vs and the *Hollanders*, cauſed the king to make the more haſte, for that hee doubted we wold go by the eares with thē, & hauing very few men in the towne, he doubted the worſt, for that the *Hollanders*, are not beloued of the countrye people: the cauſe is, their manyfold diſorder in their their drunkennes, againſt men, but principally againſt the women. The firſt of Iune, about 1. of the clock at night, came a Caracole frō *Tydore*, rowing by our ſhip, calling to the watch. The Generall hearing it,

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knew it was the King that spake, and rose out off his bed,& saluted him by his name: the King did the like to him,& asked him,how he knew him in the darke. The Generall by his interpretor said, that he knew him by his voice: which caused him to laugh. And so spending some little time in talking,he willed our Generall to meete him at the towne in the morning.The Generall gaue him 5. peeces of Ordinance at his departure,which he tooke very kindely. They delight much to heare ordinance to go off at pleasure so that they be not at the cost.When it was day,the General went to the towne,& had not staied in his house halfe an houre,but the king came,& spent al the forenoone with him. The Generall was desirous to know of him, whether he should leaue a factory or no. He answered he could not tell,for that it was to be determined by a counsell: which he had not leasure to cal as yet, by reason of much businesse. He said,the *Hollanders* did threaten him to forsake his coũtry, & to establish a factory at *Tydore*,if he did let the *English* tarry in the country,and establish a factory.They saying we were theeues,& robbers: and so if he did trust vs,he should finde vs: saying that *Holland* was able to set out 20. ships,for *Englands* one, and that the King of *Holland* was stronger by sea,then all Christiandome besides: with many vntrueths of their owne people & Countries commendations, & the disparagement of our people and country,and of al other Christian princes. If this frothy nation may haue the trade of the Indiãs to themselues, which is the thing they hope for,their pride & insolencie wilbe intollerable. The Generall answered, what *Hollander* so euer hee were that had

told his highneſſe ſo, he lied like a traytor: & ſaid, he would iuſtifie it to their faces: and for their country, if the Queenes maieſty of *England* had not pitied their ruine, in ſending her forces to withſtand the *Spaniards*, their country had bin ouer-run, & they marked in the faces for traitors and ſlaues many yeares ago. And therfore deſired the King, to inquire of a *Spaniſh Renegado*, which was in the towne, & he would certifie him of the trueth. Then the Generall demanded, whether he ſhould haue thoſe Cloues which the *Flemings* had carried away by force. Hee anſwered, we ſhould haue ſo many of thē as ſhould paie the debt, & the *Hollāders* ſhould haue the reſt: which was in the afternoone performed. The king told our General, that the morrow he muſt returne for *Tidore*, where he muſt ſpēd 3. or 4. daies, before he could returne. In the meane time he gaue him leaue, to buy & ſell with his people. And at his returne, he ſhould haue an anſwer whether he ſhould leaue a factory or no. The general intreating him, whileſt he tarried in the country, hee would let him haue a houſe to lodge in, where hee might be nere his buſineſſe, and not be forced euery night to go aboard. The king promiſed he ſhould, and ſo tooke his leaue & departed. An houre after he ſent his *Sabendor* to the Generall, who brought him to a faire chāber, the king ſending him a faire gilded bedſted, & a Turkie carpet to lie vpō: ſo after that, the Generall was not enforced euery night to go aboard, as before time he had done. The 2. day about 8. a clocke at night, came a light prawe of *Tydore* aboard, with a letter to our Generall: the effect was, that the king of *Tydore* found himſelfe agreeued with the *Hollanders*,

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for taking part with the King of *Tarnata* against him: & that vpon his sending away of the *Portingales* they had shot into his towne, demanding *Taffasoa* to be surrendred to procure his peace. The General answered, he thought he needed not feare the *Hollanders*, for that their shipping would shortly be disposed of, to other places, & that at any time, for that towne (if so it need) he might make his peace. With which answer they returned, making a bold attẽpt, to either come or go, the sea being full of their enimies. The 5. day the King of *Tarnata*, & the *Hollanders* admirall came frõ *Tarnata*, to cõclude of our banishmẽt. The 6. day the king sent our Generall word, that both hee and the Dutch admirall should come face to face, before him & his coũsell, to heare what either could say against other. The Generall sent the king word, he had nothing to say against the Dutch, vnlesse he withstood his leauing of a factory there: which if he did, he desired his highnes, that they might meete face to face, before him, to heare what either could say: the king sẽt word, it should be so. The Dutch admiral came to our generalls chãber, to visit him. Our Generall asked, whether he came to procure his banishment? He answered, he was bound to do the best he could for his aduẽturers. The Generall told him, the king was minded the next day to know, why we shold not haue a factory in the country as wel as they. He said he would chalenge the kings owne writing and promise. The 7. day the Generall waited, to be sent for, to the King: but seeing no body came, he sent to know the reasõ. He sent word, he was very busie that day, and could not intend it till the morrow. The Dutch admiral had conferẽce with

the King twise this day: where belike he had what he desired, for as soone as night came hee departed for *Tydore*.

The 8. day, the King sent his secretary, and one of the Dutch Marchants vnto him, with a letter sealed with hard waxe, which seale had two letters, an H & a B. which stood for *Hance Beerepot*, with a Marchants marke betweene the letters. This letter they deliuered, and told him, it was the Kings letter to the King of *England*. The Generall would not beleeue, the King would send so great a Prince as the King of *England*, a letter with so little state, and a Marchants seale vpon it. They answered: and if he doubted thereof, they would cause the King to come, and iustifie it. The Generall said, he would not otherwise beleeue it. So they left the letter and departed. Halfe an houre after, came the King, & a great traine to our Generals chamber, where saluting him kindely, they sat downe vpon a trunck togither. The King said, I sent you a letter sealed by my secretary, which you haue receiued, making doubt, it is not sent by mee, to so great a king, & deliuered with so little state, & sealed with a marchāts seale. Now you heard me say thus much, I hope you are satisfied: the letter is sent by me, and none other, therefore prepare your selfe to morrow to bee gone. The General neither would, nor durst deliuer it to the King of *England*, willing him to take it againe, He would not, but departed.

The 9. *Chichell Gegogoe* the Kings vncle, hearing how the Generall had bin vsed by the king & the *Hollanders*, came to visit him at his chāber, where there passed much talke betweene thē concerning the foresaid

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counterfeit letter, intended to haue bin ſent (to the diſ-grace of the Generall) to the king of *England*. *Chichell Gegogoe* aſſuring the Generall, that if it lay in his power, he wold procure of the king, that they might leaue a factory there. Moreouer, that at his next returne to him, he ſhould know the cõtents of that baſe & ſlanderous letter, inuented by the *Hollanders*: & ſo he departed, with promiſe to returne the next day. The people of the coũtry, vnderſtãding the *Hollanders* had procured our baniſhment, were much offended that the petty prince of *Holland*, and his (whom they eſteemd but debauſhed drũkards) ſhould be eſteemed before the mighty King of *England*, & his ſubiects: & knowing we were commanded to depart, brought all their commodities ro vs, & none to the *Hollanders*. Whereat they finding themſelues agreeued, cauſed our beame that we weighed cloues with, to be taken away: but it was reſtored againe, by the meanes of *Chichell Gegogoe*. Which the *Hollanders* perceiuing, they ſent to their admiral at *Tydore*, to returne to *Tarnata*: which he did, threatning the King, that he would leaue him, and eſtabliſh a factory at *Tydore*. Wherevpon the King with the vnwilling conſent of his councell, gaue order for our baniſhment: ſending the *Sabendor* to our Generall, to will him to lingar no longer but to depart aboard.

The 16. day towards euening, the king of *Tarnata* with a great company of his Nobles, came downe from the towne, landing right againſt our ſhippe, and cauſed a tent to be ſet vp: ſending for our Generall to come a ſhore, which he preſently did. The King cauſed him to ſit downe by him, excuſing himſelfe, that

that we left not a factory there, alleaging, that the *Hollanders* inforst him to the contrary: he and his subiects owing them much, which he hoped to pay the next harueſt: & that thē he would take an other order with them: which being done he cauſed a letter to be read by his Secretary openly, the contents whereof follow at the end of the booke. Sealing it vp, he deliuered it to the General, intreating him to returne, and he ſhold be welcome. Who anſwered, that it was in vaine for the *Engliſh* to returne thither, ſo long as the *Hollanders* bare rule, holding it a diſparagement to his nation, to giue place to them, being ſo farre their inferiors. This communication ended, by the ſodaine comming of a great many of lights, and in the middeſt, one of his chiefe Noble men, vnder a Canopy: carrying in a platter of gold, couered with a couerture of cloth of gold, the letter which was before ſo publikely read: and the Generall looking earneſtly, not knowing what the matter was, the King called vnto him, willing him to ariſe, and receiue the letter he ſent to the King of *England*. Which he preſently doing, the party which carried it, made lowe obeiſance, after their country faſhion, and then deliuered it to the Generall: which he kiſſing receiued, and ſat him downe againe by the King. Giuing him thanks in doing our king & himſelf that right, in deliuering the letter in ſuch ſort as it ought to be. The king anſwered this letter which you haue, is vnſealed, and written in the *Malaya* tongue, to the intent at *Bantam* it might bee interpreted by ſome of your owne people, which haue learned that language. But the other was inuented by the *Hollanders*, to haue done you iniury: telling him in briefe the effect thereof:

excusing himselfe that hee had no good thing to send the King of *England*, but onely a *Bahar* of Cloues, which he hoped his Maiestie would accept in good part, considering his contrey yeelds no other thing of worth. Likewise hee bestowed vpon our Generall a *Bahar* of Cloues, and caused them presently to be carried to the Boate: which done, hee tooke his leaue, and departed aboord his Caracole. The 17. day, the King of *Tarñata* came roing about our ship, and diuers of his women with him in a Caracole; the Generall entreating him to come aboord, but he would not. *Chichell Geggoe* came aboord this afternoone to our General, certifying him that the contents of the Hollanders counterfeit Letter was, that we had solde powder, great ordinance, and other munition to the Portugalls. And more, that to their great hurt in the fight, we had assisted them with Gunners, and that was the cause we left not a Factory there, hoping the Generall would haue carried and deliuered it to his owne disgrace: but he suspecting their slaunderous trecherie, refused it.

The 18. day the King and his Vncle came aboord in a small Prawe, because he would not haue the Hollanders which rid by vs to know of his being there, for it was death to them to see him vse our Generall kindly: their comming was to take leaue of our Generall, he desired them to come downe to his Caben, and made them a banquet, whih they kindly did accept, and spent most part of the day with him, vrging our Generall to returne thither againe, or at the leastwise to send, and he or they should be welcome, doe the Hollanders what they could, with protestation, that both he and all his people were very sory for his departure,

finding we were good people, and not such as the Hollanders did report vs to be, which liued only by robbing and stealing. During this communication, the Holland ship which rid by vs shot off three peeces, which the King hearing, sent to know the cause, word was brought, the Hollanders Admirall was come from *Tydore* and gone aboord, which the King hearing, tooke a short farewell of our generall, and went to his caracole: shewing euidently his great feare to offend the Hollanders. Before he could put off his boate from the side, our ship was vnder sayle: giuing him seuen peeces of ordinance, and helde on our way betweene *Tarnata* and *Tydore*. About noone the 21. day we came to an anker at *Taffasoa*: the Gouernour presently came to our Generall with a present of hennes, and fruite, telling him that he had been at *Tydore*, and the King had giuen him order to surrender the towne vnto him, if he came thither againe, and the fort, praying him to dispose thereof as his owne. The Generall gaue him thankes, telling him he had fewe men, but if he had so many as he had when he came from *Bantam*, he would leaue such a Garrison there, as they should doubt neither the Hollanders nor the Tarnatanes: but his weakenesse was such, that hee could leaue no men there. He answered, he doubted not the keeping of the towne in dispite of all their enemies: and although he could leaue no mē there, yet had he order by his king to surrender his right and title to the King of *England*, to whose vse he would keepe it, desiring the surrender therof might be drawne, and the Generall should haue the originall, and he the copie. Which done he caused the people to bring those Cloues they had, & so tooke

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FINIS.

The King of *Tarnata*, to the King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and Ireland, &c.

HEaring of the good report of your *Maiestie*, by the comming of the great Captain Francis Drake, in the time of my father, which was about some 30. yeeres past: by the which Captaine, my Predecessor did send a Ring vnto the Queene of England, as a token of remembrance betweene Vs: which if the aforesaide Drake had beene liuing, hee could haue informed your Maiestie of the great loue and friendship of either side: hein the behalfe of the Queene: my Father for him and his Successors. Since which time of the departure of the aforesaid Captaine, we haue dayly expected his returne, my Father liuing many yeeres after and dayly expecting his returne, and I after the death of my father haue liued in the same hope, till I was father of eleuen children: in which time I haue beene informed that the English were men of so bad disposition that they came not as peaceable Merchants, but to dispossesse them of there Countrey: which by the comming of the bearer hereof wee haue found to the contrarie, which greatly we reioyce at. And after many yeeres of our expectation of some English forces by the promise of Captaine Drake; Here arriued certaine ships which we well hoped had beene Englishmen, but finding them contrary, and being out of al hope of succour of the English Nation, we were inforced to write to the Prince of Holland, to craue ayde and succour against our auncient enemies the Portingals,

and according to our request hee hath sent hither his forces which hath expeld all the Portugales out of the fortes which they held at Amboyna and Tydore. And whereas your Maiestie hath sent to me a most kinde and friendly Letter by your seruant Captaine Henry Middleton, that doth not a litle reioyce vs.

And whereas Captaine Henry Middelton was desirous to leaue a factory heare, we were very willing therunto, which the Captain of the Hollanders vnderstanding, he came to challenge me of a former promise which I had written to the Prince of Holland: that if he would send me such succour as should expell the Portugales out of these parts, that no other Nation should haue trade heare but they onely. So that we were inforst against our liking to yeeld vnto the Hollanders Captaines request for this time: whereof we craue pardon of your Highnesse: and if any of your Nation come hereafter, they shall be welcome. And whereas the chiefe Captaine of the Hollanders doth sollicite vs, not to hold any friendship with your Nation, nor to giue eare to your Highnesse Letters: yet for all their suite, if you please to send hither againe, you shall be welcome. And in token of our friendship, which we desire of your Maiestie, we haue sent you a small remembrance of a Bahar of Cloues, our Countrey being poore, and yeelding no better commoditie, which we pray your Highnesse to accept in good part.

TARNATA.

The King of *Tydors* Letter to the KINGS MAIESTIE OF ENGLAND.

THIS Writing of the King of *Tydor* to the King of *England*, is to let your Highneſſe vnderſtand that the King of *Holland* hath ſent hither into theſe partes a Fleet of ſhippes to ioyne with our ancient enemie the King of *Tarnata*, and they ioyntly together, haue ouer-runne and ſpoyled part of our Countrey, and are determined to deſtroy both vs and our Subiects. Nowe vnderſtanding by the bearer hereof, Captaine *Henry Middleton*, that your Highneſſe is in frienſhip with the King of *Spaine*, Wee deſire your MAIESTIE that you would take pittie of Vs, that wee may not be deſtroyed by the King of *Holland* and *Tarnata* to whom wee haue offered no wrong: but they by forceable meanes ſeeke to bereaue Vs of our Kingdome. And as great Kings vpon the earth are ordayned by God to ſuccour all them that be wrongfully oppreſſed: ſo I appeale vnto your MAIESTIE, for ſuccour againſt my enemies; not doubting but to finde reliefe at your MAIESTIES hands. And if your MAIESTIE ſend hither, I humbly entreate that it may bee Captaine *Henry Middleton* or his Brother, with whom I am well acquainted.

Thus We end, praying God to enlarge your Kingdomes, and bleſſe You, and all your Counſels.

TYDOR.

The King of *Bantam*, to the King of ENGLAND.

A LETTER giuen from your friend the King of *Bantam*, to the King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*: desiring GOD to preserue your health, and to exalt you more and more, and all your Counsell. And whereas your MAIESTIE hath sent a Generall, *Henry Middleton*, he came to me in health. I did heare that your MAIESTIE was come to the Crowne of *England*, which doth greatly reioyce my heart. Now *England* and *Bantam* are both as one. I haue also receiued a Present from your MAIESTIE: the which I giue you many thankes for your kindnesse. I doe send your MAIESTIE two *Beasar stones*, the one waying fourteene *Masses* the other three: And so GOD haue you in his keeping.

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